(*a*) how many applications have been received from Government servants during 1100, 1101 and 1102, for reducing their age as entered originally in the record of their services;

(*b*) the principle on which these applications have been accepted or considered;

(*c*) how many applications presented for reducing age during 1100, 1101 and 1102 have been allowed, how many were rejected and how many are now pending with the Government;

(*d*) whether any evidence is taken on these applications and, if so, the nature of the evidence required; and

(*e*) whether the Government are prepared to consider any applications or representations made from or evidence given by the public or otherwise in order to show the incorrectness of the applications made for reducing age?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Four applications.

(*b*) Applications are not granted except when absolutely incontrovertible evidence of the correct age is produced.

(*c*) One was allowed; two were rejected; and one is pending with Government.

(*d*) Yes; reliable age certificates or horoscopes.

(*e*) Except in case of proved clerical error the Government view these applications with disfavour. As proof positive is the determining factor in arriving at a decision, evidence in disproof is not necessary.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know why some evidence which the public volunteers to put before the Government is not wanted? That is with regard to part (*e*) of the answer.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is not necessary. Government can decide without such evidence, as the person who asks for a change of age has to prove it absolutely to the satisfaction of the Government.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): If the public or any other men who know that the application is incorrect, volunteer to place evidence before the Government, why should the Government view it with disfavour?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Because it is not necessary. Government can very easily arrive at a decision from the papers before them without such help.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Is it not a question of weighing evidence on either side?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): As the answer itself says, Government view with disfavour all applications for change of age and the presumption is that the original entry is correct.

Report against Councillors by the President of the Trivandrum Municipal Council.

28. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the present President of the Trivandrum Municipal Council has made any report against the councillors

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

and, if so, whether they will lay on the table the report as well as the decision of the Government in the matter?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): He has reported against a few Councillors. The reports are of a confidential nature and, as such, the correspondence cannot be laid on the table.

Instructions to the Official Members of the Trivandrum Municipal Council re voting.

29. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have issued any directions to the official members of the Trivandrum Municipal Council in the matter of voting and, if so, whether they will lay on the table a copy of such letter?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The answer to the first part is in the negative. The question in the second part does not therefore arise.

Appointments made by the Inspector of English Schools.

30. **MR. A. J. JOHN** (*Vaikam*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the appointments made by the present Inspector of English Schools after he assumed charge?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The statement* is laid on the table.

Opening of an English School at Kavalam.

31. **MR. A. J. JOHN** (*Vaikam*): With reference to the opening of an English School at Kavalam, Ambalapuzha taluk, will the Government be pleased to furnish information on the following points:—

(*a*) the number of applications received for the opening of the English school;

(*b*) the names of the applicants and the respective dates of their applications;

(*c*) whether all the applications were sent to the Assistant Inspector;

(*d*) the officer to whom the applications have to be sent at first under the Education Code;

(*e*) whether there was any deviation in this and, if so, the urgent necessity for it;

(*f*) the action taken by the Assistant Inspector on each of these applications;

(*g*) whether the Assistant Inspector has raised any objection to the opening of any school and, if so, the nature of the objection;

(*h*) whether the Inspector of English Schools inspected any of the sites and, if so, which;

(*i*) whether the Inspector has left out any applicant's site unvisited and, if so, which and why;

(*j*) whether the Inspector has made any recommendation and, if so its nature;

* *Vide* Appendix—page 113.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly